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AMENDMENT / RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2009 for the above-identified application for patent. In light of the amendments and remarks provided in each of the separate sections below, Applicant respectfully offers the following Amendment and Request for Continued Examination of the above-captioned application. A check in the amount of \$405.00 is also included herewith pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17(e).